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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (TODMAN, TERENCE A.), UY

SUBJ: YOUR MEETING WITH POLITICAL LEADERS

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1. SINCE MY EARLIER CABLE WE HAVE APPROACHED THE FOREIGN OFFICE AND THE MILITARY CINCS TO INFORM THEM OFFICIALLY THAT YOU WOULD BE MEETING WITH A WIDE RANGE OF NON-GOVERNMENT PERSONALITIES, INCLUDING POLITICAL LEADERS. THE REACTIONS WE GOT WERE HAPPILY SUBDUED. MOST COMMENTED THAT IT WAS A GOOD IDEA THAT YOU WOULD HAVE A CHANCE TO HEAR THE "LIES" OF POLITICAL SPOKESMEN. THE ONLY NEGATIVE REACTION WAS A REQUEST BY THE G-2 THAT WE PROVIDE A LIST OF NAMES OF THOSE WITH WHOM YOU WOULD BE MEETING.

2. ON FRIDAY (AUGUST 12) I HAD A WIDE-RANGING DISCUSSION DURING MY COURTESY CALL ON THE THREE CINCS WHICH YOU WILL BE SEEING IN A SEPARATE REPORTING CABLE. THE SUBJECT OF YOUR MEETING WITH POLITICAL LEADERS CAME UP ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS. THE AIR FORCE CHIEF, PALADINI, WHO HAD BEEN CRITICAL EARLIER, WONDERED
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WHAT PURPOSE WOULD BE SERVED BY THE MEETING BUT COMMENTED NO FURTHER. VADORA, THE ARMY CHIEF, SAID THAT YOU WOULD BE MEETING WITH "THE VERY PEOPLE WHO GOT US INTO THIS MESS." MARQUEZ, THE NAVY CHIEF, WAS SILENT ON THE SUBJECT. I NOTED THAT THE INVITATION EXTENDED TO YOU BY ROVIRA HAD MADE CLEAR THAT ONE OF THE BENEFITS OF YOUR VISIT WOULD BE TO GET A BROAD

SPECTRUM OF VIEWS, AND THAT WE WERE FOLLOWING HIS ADVICE. I ALSO CONVINCED THEM THAT IT WOULD BE AWKWARD FOR THEM TO INSIST ON A LIST OF NAMES AND IT WAS IN THEIR INTEREST TO CONVINCE YOU AND US THAT THEY REALLY WELCOMED YOUR VISIT AND WANTED YOU TO GET FULL EXPOSURE WHILE HERE. THEY GOT THE POINT AND THE DISCUSSION ENDED THERE.

3. UNLESS SOMETHING MORE COMES UP, I THINK THIS ISSUE IS BEHIND US. I STILL AM SOMEWHAT CONCERNED THAT THEY MAY FOOLISHLY INVOKE THE POLITICAL RESTRICTION LAW AND MOVE AGAINST SOME OF THESE POLITICIANS FOLLOWING THE MEETING. THAT IS JUST A SMALL CLOUD ON THE HORIZON AND FOR THE MOMENT WE NEED NOT GIVE IT TOO MUCH IMPORTANCE. I TEND TO BELIEVE NOW THAT THEY HAVE DECIDED TO LEAN TOWARD BEING REASONABLE AND OPEN. SO MUCH THE BETTER.
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